GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the companies to whom licences for national long distance telephone services issued, State-wise; and

(b) the time by which these companies are likely to start their operation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No Licence Agreement has been signed for operation of National Long Distance Service with any private company. Letters of Intent (LOIs) have been issued to two companies namely M/s Reliance Communications Private Limited and M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited for grant of licence and signing of Licence Agreement to fulfillment of certain conditions. This licence of National Long Distance Service is for whole of India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.